

DC-DC circuit **9a** becomes small by a magnitude of the input voltage V_{dc} of the DC-DC circuit **9a**.

[0054] In this way, in the operation of FIG. 7, there are provided a period when the link voltage V_{link} is increased and the input voltage V_{dc} of the DC-DC circuit **9a** is increased during a period when the bidirectional DC-DC converter **3a** is subjected to the through operation in addition to the operation of FIG. 6. Therefore, the reduction of the switching frequency f_{sw} of the DC-DC circuit **9a** is suppressed, and the loss in the DC-DC circuit **9a** is reduced still more.

[0055] In FIG. 8, the operation in a period **c1** is similar to that in the period **a1** of FIG. 6. The link voltage V_{link} in the period **c1** is determined such that a total efficiency of the DC-DC circuit **9a** and the bidirectional DC-DC converter **3a** becomes high. However, the bidirectional DC-DC converter **3a** is subjected to the through operation so as to transition to a period **c2** before the output voltage V_{out} reaches the link voltage V_{link} in a case where the output voltage V_{out} increases and the influence of the efficiency reduction of the DC-DC circuit **9a** due to the increase of the switching frequency f_{sw} of the DC-DC circuit **9a** when the link voltage V_{link} is reduced down to the output voltage V_{out} becomes smaller than that of the efficiency improvement due to the through operation of the bidirectional DC-DC converter **3a**. The operations in periods **c3** to **c5** are similar to those in the periods **b2** to **b4** of FIG. 7.

[0056] In this way, in the operation of FIG. 8, in addition to the operation of FIG. 7, the total efficiency of the DC-DC circuit **9a** and the bidirectional DC-DC converter **3a** is increased still more by the through operation of the bidirectional DC-DC converter **3a** before the output voltage V_{out} reaches the link voltage V_{link} .

[0057] Further, in FIG. 7, when a time slope to increase the input voltage V_{dc} of the DC-DC circuit **9a** in the period **b2** is increased, the efficiency may be increased in a case where the input voltage V_{dc} of the DC-DC circuit **9a** is increased and also the switching frequency f_{sw} of the DC-DC circuit **9a** is gradually lowered. In addition, in a case where the switching frequency f_{sw} of the DC-DC circuit **9a** is too increased in order to reduce the output current I_{out} in the period **b4**, the efficiency may be increased in a case where the input voltage V_{dc} of the DC-DC circuit **9a** is lowered. The situation is the same as that in FIG. 8.

Third Embodiment

[0058] FIG. 9 is a circuit diagram illustrating a configuration of a power source device **1b** according to this embodiment. The power source device **1b** includes an insulated AC-DC converter **2b** which receives the power of the AC power source **10** and outputs the link voltage V_{link} insulated from the AC power source **10** between nodes **Nd11** and **Nd12**, a bidirectional DC-DC converter **3b** which receives the link voltage V_{link} to charge the main battery **5**, and an insulated DC-DC converter **4b** which receives the link voltage V_{link} to supply the power to the load **7**. The insulated AC-DC converter **2b** includes an AC-DC circuit **8b** which receives the voltage of the AC power source **10** to output a DC voltage, and a DC-DC circuit **9b** which receives the DC voltage output by the AC-DC circuit **8b** to output an insulated link voltage V_{link} .

[0059] In the AC-DC circuit **8b**, there are provided a diode **D15** and a switching element **Q11** which are connected in series to one end of a smoothing inductor **L11** between both

ends of the smoothing capacitor **C1**, and a diode **D16** and a switching element **Q12** which are connected in series to one end of a smoothing inductor **L12** between both ends of the smoothing capacitor **C1**. The AC-DC circuit is configured by a bridgeless circuit which receives a current from the AC power source **10** between the other end of the smoothing inductor **L11** and the other end of the smoothing inductor **L12**, and outputs the DC voltage between both ends of the smoothing capacitor **C1**. The AC-DC circuit **8b** of the bridgeless circuit has a merit on having a high efficiency compared to the AC-DC circuit **8a** according to second embodiment.

[0060] The DC-DC circuit **9b** is different from the DC-DC circuit **9a** according to the second embodiment, in that the resonance capacitor **Cr1** is configured by resonance capacitors **Cr11** and **Cr12**, a half bridge circuit, which is obtained by replacing the switching elements **Q3** and **Q4** and the anti-parallel diodes **D3** and **D4** among the switching elements **Q1** to **Q4** equipped with the anti-parallel diodes **D1** to **D4** connected in bridge using the resonance capacitors **Cr11** and **Cr12**, and in that the diodes **D23** and **D24** among the diodes **D21** to **D24** connected in bridge are replaced with smoothing capacitors **C21** and **C22** respectively. The link voltage V_{link} is output between the nodes **Nd11** and **Nd12**. The DC-DC circuit **9b** is easily simplified compared to the DC-DC circuit **9a** in which the full-bridge circuit according to the second embodiment is employed.

[0061] The bidirectional DC-DC converter **3b** includes the smoothing capacitor **C3** which is connected between the terminals **Tm1** and **Tm2**, the switching elements **Q5** and **Q6** which are connected in series between the terminals **Tm1** and **Tm2**, a smoothing inductor **L21** and a switching element **Q8** which are connected in series between both ends of the switching element **Q6**, and a switching element **Q7** and the smoothing capacitor **C4** which are connected in series between both ends of the switching element **Q8**. Both ends of the smoothing capacitor **C4** are used as the terminals **Tm3** and **Tm4**. The link voltage V_{link} is connected between the terminals **Tm1** and **Tm2**, and the main battery **5** is connected between the terminals **Tm3** and **Tm4**.

[0062] The bidirectional DC-DC converter **3b** is configured by an H bridge circuit, and the link voltage V_{link} can be controlled to be any voltage regardless of a magnitude relation between the link voltage V_{link} and the voltage of the main battery **5**. Of course, when the switching elements **Q5** and **Q7** are fixed to the ON state and the switching elements **Q6** and **Q8** to the OFF state, the through operation can be performed similarly to the bidirectional DC-DC converter **3a** according to the second embodiment.

[0063] The insulated DC-DC converter **4b** inputs the link voltage V_{link} between both ends of the smoothing capacitor **C5** connected between the nodes **Nd11** and **Nd12**, and supplies the power to the load **7** connected between both ends of the smoothing capacitor **C6**. There is provided a transformer **T11** which magnetically combines the winding **N10** connected to the resonance inductor **Lr10** in series and a winding **N13**. The voltage is applied to the winding **N10** using the voltage of the smoothing capacitor **C5** by the switching elements **H1** to **H4** connected in bridge, the voltage generated in the winding **N13** is applied to smoothing inductors **L32** and **L31** through the diodes **DS1** and **DS2** to cause the current to flow, and the voltage is smoothened by the smoothing capacitor **C6** to be output to the load **7**. The synchronized rectification can be performed in a case where